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FROM US REP MBFR

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: DRAFT OF CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS AT
FIRST PLENARY

BEGIN SUMMARY: FRG REP (BEHREND), WHO WOULD BE CHAIRMAN
OF FIRST PLENARY MEETING ON OCTOBER 30 IF EAST ACCEPTS WEST'S
PROPOSAL TO RESUME ROTATION OF CHAIR WHERE PRELIMINARY TALKS
LEFT OFF, CIRCULATED TEXT OF REMARKS HW MIGHT MAKE IN THE INITIAL
SEGMENT OF THE MEETING. TEXT FOLLOWS. END SUMMARY. BEGIN TEXT:

1. YOUR EXCELLENCY, GENTLEMEN, BEFORE I OPEN THE NEGOTIATIONS
FOR MUTUAL BALANCE OF FORCES AND ARMAMENTS AND ASSOCIATED
MEASURES IN CENTRAL EUROPE, I AM HONORED TO BE ABLE TO GREET
AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOST NATION AND AS OUR GUEST
HIS EXCELLENCY THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA,
DR. RUDOLF KIRSCHSLAEGER. (KIRSCHSLAEGER'S SPEECH WOULD FOLLOW).

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2. MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, MAY I NOW THANK YOU IN THE NAME OF ALL THE DELEGATES FOR YOUR KIND WORDS AND YOUR GOOD WISHES CONCERNING THE SUCCESS OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS. IN PARTICULAR, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU IN THE NAME OF ALL DELEGATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA, AND PARTICULARLY THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP, HAS EXTENDED TO US IN CARRYING OUT THE PREPARATORY CONSULTATIONS AND THE ORGANIZATIONAL PREPARATIONS FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ARE TO START TODAY.

3. WE KNOW HOW TO APPRECIATE THE largesse WHICH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT AND YOU, MR. MINISTER, HAVE SHOWN BY MAKING AVAILABLE THE CONFERENCE FACILITIES AND THE TECHNICAL SERVICES.

4. YOU, MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, AND YOUR GOVERNMENT, HAVE DONE EVERYTHING TO MAKE POSSIBLE THE SMOOTH PROGRESS OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS. IT IS UP TO US, THE PARTICIPANTS IN THIS CONFERENCE, TO UTILIZE THIS AND TO ARRIVE AT AN AGREEMENT IN GOOD TIME WHICH WILL BE CONNECTED WITH THE NAME OF THIS CITY. WE APPRECIATE THE ADVANTAGES OF BEING ABLE TO WORK PARTICULARLY IN VIENNA, ONE OF THE GREAT EUROPEAN CAPITALS, WHICH AT THE SAME TIME IS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CITIES WITH A RICH HISTORICAL TRADITION ON THIS CONTINENT. I AM CERTAIN THAT WE WILL FEEL VERY COMFORTABLE HERE IN VIENNA AMONG THE KIND AND HELPFUL VIENNESE.

5. MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, I WANT TO THANK YOU.
END TEXT. MOWINCKEL

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